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Sophie Graff Bacon House
Buckeystown
Private

Circa 1880

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Sophie Graff Bacon House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West Side Route 85

CITY, TOWN

Buckeystown

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

E.D. 1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME W. Leroy Poole

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 164

CITY, TOWN

Buckeystown

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21717

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 804

Folio #: 421

STREET & NUMBER

North Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

F-101

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Sophie Graff Bacon House is a frame three story Second Empire style residence with mansard roof which faces east from the west side of Route 85 in Buckeystown.

The principal facade is five bays wide. The main entrance, a replaced paneled door is located in the third bay. A small 2/2 window is located over the main entrance in the third bay on the second level.

Occupying the remaining bays are original double hung 2/2 sashes which have been covered by storm windows. All windows are flanked by replaced aluminum louvered shutters. Two pedimented 2/2 dormer windows extend from the mansard roof in the second and fourth bay.

An original frame columned porch extends across the front of the building on the first level.

The north and south elevations of the house are each three bays wide with identical fenestration as the east elevation except for a paneled three bay window which extends on each side of the house in the northeast and southeast corners.

A large corbeled brick chimney rises from the southwest corner of the building. The building is covered by an original mansard roof with shingles which replaced an original slate roof.

The building which is constructed on a low random stone foundation was originally covered with novelty or German siding which has recently been covered with vinyl siding significantly altering the character of the house which was originally constructed circa 1880.

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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In 1940, the remaining heirs deeded the property to Theresa Green who lived in the house until 1945. The house has been owned by the Poole Family since that time.

¹Frederick County Land Records, Liber TG 12; Folio 485.

²T.J.C. Williams, p. 1412.

³Frederick County Probate Records, Liber SDT 1; Folio 519.

⁴Williams, p. 1412.

⁵Frederick County Probate Records, Liber MFS 1; Folio 258.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Williams, T. J. C., History of Frederick County Maryland, Regional Publishing Company: Baltimore, Maryland, 1967; 1906 Reprint.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

clh

NAME / TITLE

Cherilyn Widell, Sites Analyst

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

7/31/79

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CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

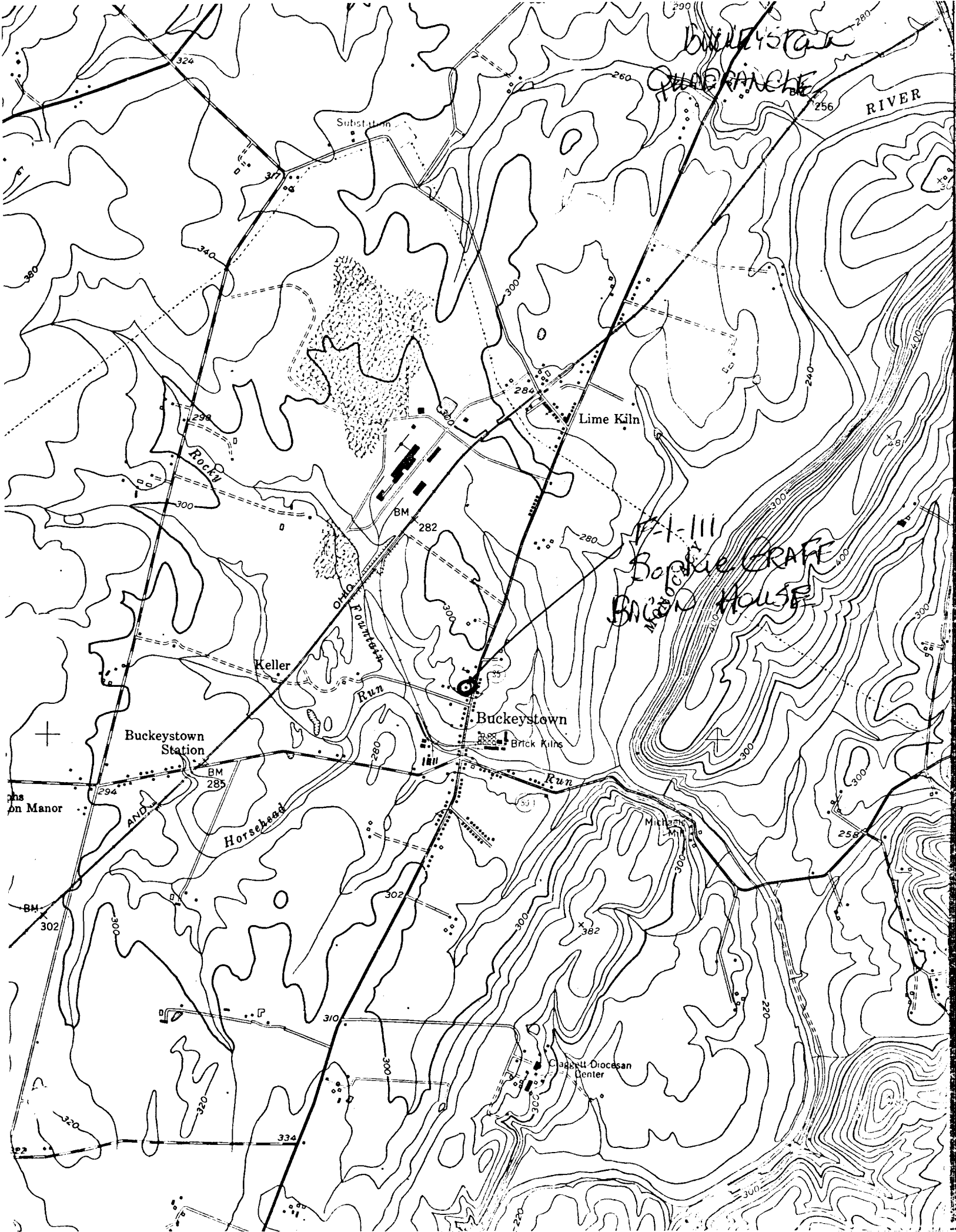
STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438





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BRON 4/SE

W/S Rte 85

BUCKLEYSTOWN

CREW 5/79

N/E ELEVATION



F-1-111 Sophie Graff
BRON HOUSE

W/3 Rte 85

BUCKLEBTON

CEW 5/79

EAST ELEVATION